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WAVEGUIDE STRUCTURE

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 5, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please cancel Claim 25.Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.